

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
LAKE CHARLES DIVISION**

LARRY W. ASHWORTH,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 2:20-CV-00053-JDC-KK
Judge James D. Cain, Jr.

KERR MCGEE CHEMICAL CORP, et al.,

Defendants.

**PLAINTIFF LARRY W. ASHWORTH AND DEFENDANTS OCCIDENTAL
PETROLEUM CORPORATION AND ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORPORATION'S
JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to the Court's October 13, 2021 Order, ECF 61, directing the parties to file a status update, Plaintiff Larry W. Ashworth ("Mr. Ashworth") and Defendants Occidental Petroleum Corporation ("Occidental") and Anadarko Petroleum Corporation ("Anadarko") file this joint status report to inform the Court of the parties' ongoing discussions regarding whether these proceedings should remain stayed pending resolution of related proceedings between the parties in New York federal court.

On March 12, 2021, Occidental and Anadarko filed a Notice of Appeal in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, case number 21-627, appealing a February 19, 2021 opinion and order issued by Judge Oetken of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, denying Occidental and Anadarko's motion to enforce a November 19, 2014 permanent injunction barring Mr. Ashworth's claims before this Court.

On November 5, 2021, Occidental and Anadarko filed their opening brief. Mr. Ashworth's opposition brief is due February 4, 2022.

Occidental and Anadarko remain steadfast in their belief that the November 19, 2014 permanent injunction bars Mr. Ashworth's claims against Occidental and Anadarko. Mr. Ashworth, through his counsel, remains steadfast that there is no such bar, in addition to the jurisdictional question they have raised.

The parties therefore request that this case remain stayed as to Occidental and Anadarko, pending further discussion between the parties. The parties propose to file a further status report with the Court in sixty (60) days to address the status of the pending appeal and how best to proceed in this action, including whether and/or how to proceed with briefing, on Occidental and Anadarko's motion to dismiss Mr. Ashworth's claims for lack of personal jurisdiction and/or whether Mr. Ashworth will seek to amend his complaint.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on December 16, 2021, I served the foregoing on all counsel of record by filing the pleading with the Court's electronic court filing ("ECF") system, which automatically notifies all counsel of record.

s/ Lynne M. Powers

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